

REMARKS

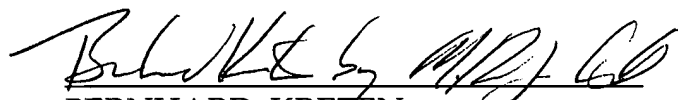
The Decision on Appeal mailed September 15, 2004, has been received, its contents carefully noted and thoroughly studied. Accordingly, the foregoing revisions to the claims are tendered with the conviction that patentable contrast has now been made manifest over the known prior art.

Amended claims 24 and 31 should now be an expression of that which was deemed patentable by the Board.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner pass this case to issue. If, upon further consideration, the Examiner believes further issues remain outstanding or new ones have been generated, undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner call undersigned to expeditiously resolve same.

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